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Entry of the preceding amendments is respectfully requested. The amended claims find clear and complete antecedent support in their original counterparts. Claims 24 to 26 find clear and complete antecedent support in the claims from which they depend. Claim 27 finds clear and complete antecedent support in the text starting at line 16 on page 14 of the specification.

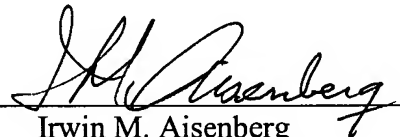
Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0124191 A1, published July 3, 2003, a copy of which accompanies herewith.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

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